

25X1

25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

(c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

REFERENCES:



ATTACHMENT TO M-5370
19 DECEMBER 1968
PAGE 1

25X1

RIVER CROSSING ACTIVITY
TAM DA, NORTH VIETNAM
1850N 10539E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS EXTENSIVE REPAIR ACTIVITY TO A RIVER CROSSING NORTH OF VINH AS WELL AS HEAVY CONVOY ACTIVITY MOVING ON ROUTE 1A.

2. LOCATION:

11 NM NORTH OF VINH ON ROUTE 1A AND THE THANH HOA/VINH RAIL LINE.

3. BACKGROUND:

THE TAM DA CROSSING, A MAJOR CROSSING POINT ON THE THANH HOA-VINH RAIL LINE AND ROUTE 1A, HAD BEEN ALMOST CONTINUALLY INTERDICTED BY U.S. BOMBING. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 1 NOVEMBER 1968 BOMBING HALT, ONE RAIL (BY-PASS) BRIDGE WAS REPAIRED AND WORK WAS BEGUN ON THE HIGHWAY CROSSING.

4. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF  REVEALS A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AT THE RIVER CROSSING POINT IN THE TAM DA AREA.

25X1

APPROXIMATELY 200 TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED ON ROUTE 1A; 126 OF WHICH ARE HEADED SOUTH (39 SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) INCLUDING SEVEN TRUCKS CARRYING PROBABLE PIPE SECTIONS (ONE NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) AND SEVERAL POL TRUCKS. SEVENTY-FOUR TRUCKS ARE HEADED NORTH (33 SHOWN ON GRAPHIC). MOST SOUTHBOUND TRUCKS ARE LOADED OR CANVAS-COVERED AND MOST NORTHBOUND ARE EMPTY OR CANVAS-COVERED.

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing board(s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue. For information concerning these notes contact Chief, Collateral Support Division, NPIC.

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and declassification

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

REFERENCE:

ATTACHMENT TO M-5370 25X1
19 DECEMBER 1968
PAGE 2

OF THE THREE BRIDGES SHOWN ON THE GRAPHIC, ONLY THE SOUTHERN ROAD BY-PASS
BRIDGE IS SERVICEABLE ON THE RAIL BY-PASS BRIDGE AND NORTHERN 25X1
ROAD BY-PASS BRIDGE ARE UNSERVICEABLE. (NOT SHOWN ON THE GRAPHIC IS A
SERVICEABLE RAIL BY-PASS BRIDGE AND THE MAIN RAIL BRIDGE WHICH IS UN-
SERVICEABLE.) REPAIR WORK ON THE APPROACH TO THE NORTHERN ROAD BY-PASS
BRIDGE AND THE MAIN RAIL BRIDGE IS UNDERWAY. FIVE PROBABLE DT-54 TRACTOR/
BULLDOZERS ARE OBSERVED WORKING IN THE AREA.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF REVEALS A PORTION OF THE SOUTHERN ROAD 25X1
BY-PASS BRIDGE AWASH AND APPROXIMATELY 250 PERSONNEL APPARENTLY CROSSING THE
BRIDGE HEADING SOUTH. RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHERN ROAD BY-PASS BRIDGE IS
OBSERVED IN PROGRESS.

5. REMARKS:

THE RAIL BY-PASS BRIDGE (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) HAS BEEN CARRYING TRAFFIC
SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER AND NOW INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE MAIN RAIL BRIDGE IS
GOING TO BE REPAIRED. THE SOUTHERN APPROACH TO THIS BRIDGE IS BEING GRADED AND
PREPARED FOR NEW TRACK.

THIS IS THE TYPE OF ACTIVITY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE UNDERTAKING ON
MOST OF THE MAJOR ROUTES TO THE SOUTH THROUGHOUT THE PANHANDLE AREA.

MISSION:

25X1

MAP REFERENCE AMS SERIES L7014 SHEET 6146 IV. SCALE: 1:50,000

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing board(s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue. For information concerning these notes contact Chief, Collateral Support Division, NPIC.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL



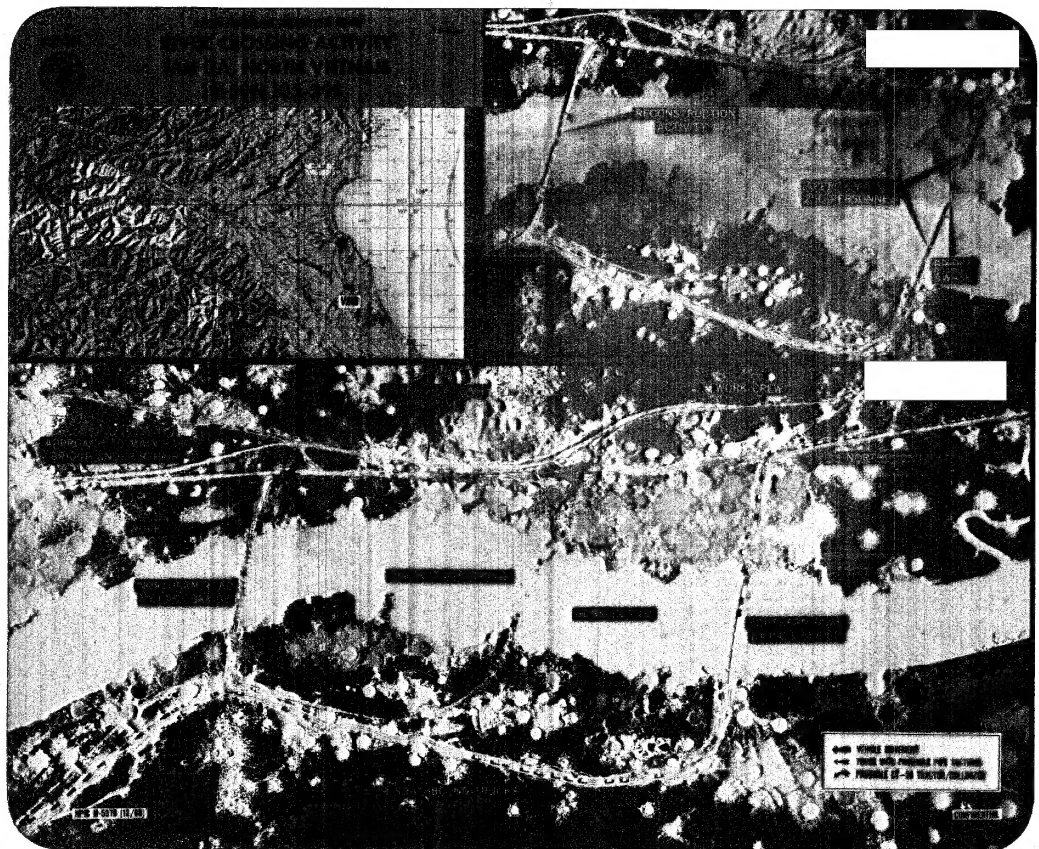
NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

M 5370/68
NPIC CONTROL NUMBER

REPRODUCTION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

NATIONAL SUBSTANTIVE
BRIEFING AIDS
COLLECTION

RETURN TO:
BRIEFING AIDS UNIT
ROOM 4S-473G



25X1

25X1

25X1